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ERDA FOR MICHAEL MCDONOUGH

E.O. 11652: TECH, ENRG, GW  
SUBJ: US/FRG, GCR UMBRELLA AGREEMENT

REF: MCDONOUGH/VENER TELCON MARCH 28, 1977

1. AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED TELCON, TEXT OF LETTERS  
TO SIEVERING AND ERB, RESPECTIVELY, FROM U. DAEUNERT  
REPEATED BELOW:

2. LETTER TO SIEVERING: BEGIN QUOTE. REF. US/FRG,  
GCR UMBRELLA AGREEMENT. ENCL. COPY OF A LETTER TO MR.  
ERB. DEAR MR. SIEVERING, ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND COPY  
OF A LETTER TO MR. ERB, DEALING WITH PREPARATIONS  
FOR A NEXT MEETING OF THE US/FRG GCR AD HOC GROUP ON  
APRIL 12/13. THE ORIGINAL IDEA WAS TO COMBINE THE  
MEETING OF THIS GROUP WITH A FIRST MEETING OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE WHICH IS FORESEEN UNDER THE UMBRELLA  
AGREEMENT. HOWEVER A MEETING OF THE STEERING  
COMMITTEE AT THE PRESENT TIME WOULD BE PREMATURE AS  
NO MAJOR DECISIONS ARE DUE TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE AD  
HOC GROUP HAS COMPLETED ITS WORK. IN ADDITION TO  
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THIS, THE MEMBERS OF BOTH COMMITTEES WILL BE PROBABLY  
IDENTICAL ON THE GERMAN SIDE, AND I CANNOT IMAGINE A  
SENSIBLE WAY TO SPLIT THE WORK BETWEEN THESE TWO  
GROUPS AT THE MOMENT.

I SHOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO  
OUR PROPOSAL THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE

AGREEMENT AND WITH THE CORRESPONDING SIDE LETTER PROF. GRAENICHER, DIRECTOR OF THE SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR REACTOR RESEARCH AND M. PATARIN FROM THE FRENCH CEA PARTICIPATE IN THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING, AS BOTH FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND HAVE NOW EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR GCR AGREEMENT. SUCH AN APPROACH WILL SURELY FACILITATE A MULTILATERAL COOPERATION AND AVOID DIFFICULTIES WITH RESPECT TO BILATERAL CONTRACTS AND WOULD FURTHER BE A GOOD MEANS TO MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR THE EXISTING "AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONCERNING CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY" BETWEEN USA AND SWITZERLAND, SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 30, 1965.

IF, CONSIDERING THE ASPECTS MENTIONED, YOU FEEL THAT YOU SHOULD SEND ONE MEMBER OF YOUR DIVISION TO JOIN THIS MEETING, I SHALL BE GLAD TO SEE HIM HERE IN BONN. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE GCR AD HOC GROUP IS IN A PROCESS OF CONTINUOUS MUTATION TOWARDS THE JOINT COMMITTEE. THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD GIVE US SUFFICIENT CONFIDENCE TO START COMMON ACTIVITIES WITHOUT DELAY, AND AVOIDING UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF WORK AND TRAVEL INCONVENIENCE.

I SHALL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOUR RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED PROCEDURES. END QUOTE.

3. LETTER TO ERB: BEGIN QUOTE. REF. 3RD MEETING OF THE US/FRG GCR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON APRIL 12 AND 13, UNCLASSIFIED

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1977 . DEAR MR. ERB, IN PREPARATION OF OUR NEXT MEETING WHICH WE AGREED TO HOLD IN BONN ON APRIL 12/13 I SHOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TENTATIVE AGENDA, WHICH IS ENCLOSED TO THIS LETTER.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INVITE THE US-PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANIZE ALL NECESSARY PREPARATIONS ON YOUR SIDE. IN ADDITION TO THE GERMAN MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, MR. GOETZMANN FROM KWU WILL PRESENT THE GENERAL REVIEW ON GCFR INSTEAD OF MR. DALLE DONNE WHO WILL BE ON VACATION AT THAT TIME.

IN THE MEANTIME, SWITZERLAND HAS OFFICIALLY EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN JOINING THE GCR UMBRELLA AGREEMENT. ERDA SHOULD ALREADY HAVE RECEIVED A CORRESPONDING LETTER. LAST WEEK I RECEIVED THE DRAFT ON AN ANALOGOUS LETTER FROM THE FRENCH CEA; THIS WILL BE PROBABLY OFFICIALLY SENT TO ERDA AND BMFT NEXT

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WEEK.

I INTEND THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT AND WITH THE CORRESPONDING SIDE LETTER, TO INVITE BOTH PROF. GRAENICHER FROM THE SWISS REACTOR RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND M. PATARIN FROM THE FRENCH CEA TO JOIN OUR MEETING ON THE SECOND DAY, IN ORDER TO JOINTLY DISCUSS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE FRENCH AND SWISS PARTICIPATION. BEYOND THIS PROF. GRAENICHER AND M. PATARIN COULD ACT AS OBSERVERS, ENABLING THEM TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND TO BETTER ASSESS POSSIBLE FRENCH AND SWISS CONTRIBUTIONS.

MR. ENGELMANN HAS SENT ME A COPY OF MR. LAUGHONS LETTER CONCERNING THE DECISION CRITERIA. IN MY OPINION WE SHOULD CONFINE THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE THERMAL GCR-SUBGROUPS AND IN THE AD-HOC-COMMITTEE TO THE CASES III AND IV OF THE POSSIBLE COOPERATION MODELS. TO MY FEELING, OUR COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE AD HOC GROUP'S MANDATE FURTHER IMPLIES THAT WE

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SHOULD NOT CONSIDER OTHER REACTOR TYPES BUT RATHER  
LIMIT OUR APPLICATION OF THE DECISION CRITERIA TO THE  
HTR (LAST COLUMN OF YOUR PROPOSAL).

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I SHOULD MENTION THAT WE DO NOT  
INTEND TO CONVENE A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
UNDER THE UMBRELLA AGREEMENT ALREADY, AS WE CAN SEE  
NEITHER MAJOR DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THIS STEERING  
COMMITTEE AT PRESENT, NOR OTHER ITEMS WHICH COULD NOT  
BE DISCUSSED BY THE AD HOC GROUP. I AM INFORMING  
MR. SIEVERING OF THIS BY A CORRESPONDING LETTER.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU HERE IN BONN IN  
APRIL. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME OR  
DR. BALTSESEN FOR FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS IF NECESSARY.  
END QUOTE.

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